

References in this leaflet are from the Bible:

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2. Acts chapter 1 verse 11
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# "I'll be back!"

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## THE PROMISE

Just a few hours before the Lord Jesus was crucified, He gave his followers this promise:

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."*<sup>1</sup>

## CONFIRMED

He did go back to heaven; this is witnessed in Acts 1:9-11. Not only did his disciples see him go, until a cloud received him out of their sight, but the angels immediately confirmed the promise of the Lord Jesus, *"This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*<sup>2</sup>

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Further details of His coming again are given by the Apostle Paul, who became a Christian some time after the Lord Jesus had returned to heaven. He wrote comforting words to the Christians in Thessalonica who were very anxious to know about the return of Jesus because some of them had died. Paul assured them that Jesus' promise held good for all Christian believers, whether alive or dead. He wrote: *"For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep."*<sup>3</sup>

The Bible answers the questions Jesus' followers have asked through the years. Let us look at some of them:-

- **Will he come himself or will he send someone else for us?**  
*"the Lord himself will descend from heaven"*<sup>4</sup> He said, *"I will come again."*<sup>1</sup> The angels said *"This Jesus ... will come in the same way"*<sup>2</sup> It is to be a personal return by the Lord for His own.
- **How will He come?**  
He will come to the air, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God.<sup>4</sup>
- **Will believers alive on earth at the time of His coming have any advantage over the dead in Christ?**  
No, *"the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air ..."*<sup>4</sup>
- **Will it be for all time?**  
Yes, the word of God says so: *"so we will always be with the Lord."*<sup>5</sup>
- **When will he return?**  
We are not given any date; it could be any time.
- **What will happen to our body when Jesus returns?**  
*"We shall all be changed"*. Our bodies will be transformed, the change being effected in a moment of time, in the twinkling of an eye.<sup>6</sup> *"... when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."*<sup>7</sup>

## A QUESTION TO ANSWER

Jesus is coming again - no doubt about it. Are you ready for his coming?  
**HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOUR?**